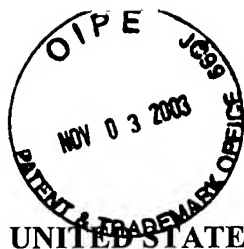


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This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on August 4, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the acceptance of the drawings filed 02 January 2002. However, applicant herewith submits a new formal page 1 of 10 for entry into the application. The only amendment is clarifying reference number 5 on Fig. 2. Entry and approval of the amended Fig. 2 is requested.